

BRITISH PREMIER AWAITS SPECIFIC PEACE TERMS

LLOYD GEORGE HOLDS CENTER OF ATTENTION IN WAR ZONE

Military Movements on All Fronts Reported Few in Number and of Little Consequence.

ALLIES MAKE STAND

Petrograd Reports Check of Teutons in Roumania While Berlin Announces no New Advances.

Interest in war operation was largely swept aside today, attention on all sides centering on the speech of Premier David Lloyd George in the British House of Commons, which was expected to state the British attitude toward the peace proposals of the Central powers as well as outline the government's general policy.

The military developments of the past twenty-four hours have in fact been few in number and unimportant for the most part.

Bombardments Follow. In France, on the Verdun front, there have been only bombardments since the French attacks of yesterday which Paris reported as winning back the Chambray farm, which the Germans had taken in a counter attack.

In Roumania, the latest reports indicate preparations by the Russians to make a stand in southern Moldavia where they are reported to have made a strong defensive line. Petrograd yesterday reported a holding up of the Teutonic offensive and Berlin announced no new advances, except in Dobruja, where the Russo-Roumanian forces have fallen back some distance to the north, conforming to the retreat across the Danube in Wallachia.

ADVISE TOWNSHIPS IMPROVING ROADS TO DELAY ACTION

National road improvements through Jackson and Center townships are being made against advice of several county officials, including county commissioners.

Although the commissioners favor road improvements they wanted Jackson and Center townships to wait until after the coming legislature before taking action.

It is almost an established fact that some kind of a state highway commission bill will go through the next legislature. Since the National road is one of the principal thoroughfares of the country, it will no doubt be one of the first to be improved.

Commission Pays Cost. It matters not what kind of bill goes through, the highway commission will have to stand part of the expense of the roads it improves. Already the two townships have let contracts calling for \$180,000 and in February another strip of Center township road will be let at the cost of \$48,000.

If the roads had been held up a year it might have been possible to have had the commission pay half of the erection expense. If the bill proposed by the state association of county road superintendents goes through it may be possible to get the state commission to reimburse the townships partly for the expense they will be in improving the highway.

FOX HAS BIRTHDAY

Judge Henry C. Fox of the circuit court will celebrate his eighty-first birthday, January 20.

With one exception, he is the oldest circuit court judge in the state. He is now holding down the bench of the local court for the fourth consecutive term.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana by United States Weather Bureau—Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Probably local snows. Colder tonight north and west portions.

Temperature Today
Noon 23
Yesterday 17
Minimum 4 below zero

For Wayne County by W. E. Moore—Unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Occasional snows and continued cold. General Conditions—Storms are now crossing the United States in rapid succession. One is now over the eastern states and another over the Great Lakes. Weather remains intensely cold. Twenty to thirty degrees below zero in Minnesota and south Canada. Temperatures above freezing in Western Montana.



But the Salesgirl Has Been There All Day. Shop Early. You'll Get Better Service and You'll Keep in Better Temper.

JOBBER PLAN GOOD SERVICE TO BOOM CITY

The best of service, prices to meet competitors from any other city, and high quality and wide range of goods is what Richmond jobbers will shortly offer to merchants in the 25 mile radius which they believe rightfully belongs to wholesale dealers of this city.

Armed with these and a strong organization of co-operating members exchanging ideas for the betterment of trade, the jobbers section of the Commercial club confidently expects to spread Richmond's reputation as a jobbing center.

Jobbers Hear Reports. At a meeting of the official board of the jobbers, the membership and publicity committees last night, plans were discussed for the future. There are about 25 members of 32 eligible and practically every eligible is expected to belong when the membership committee completes its work.

The first move will be to assemble the jobbers at a dinner where a noted business speaker will discuss the most satisfactory and productive methods of meeting with trade demands and exigencies. A slogan will be adopted and the advertising campaign will be started.

The jobbers will strive particularly to give the best service possible. Most of the houses remain open two hours longer than jobbers in larger cities, and Richmond probably has the best transportation facilities possible.

PRINCESS IS DEAD; REARED IN U. S. A.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Confirmation of the death of the Princess Caraman Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, at her villa at Padua, Italy, was received here today in a cable message to Calvin Pentress, a local banker. According to Mr. Pentress, the princess died after a brief illness, no details of which he has learned.

STRAYER PLAYS SANTA

Prosecuting Attorney-elect Frank Strayer will play Santa Claus at the Eagles' annual Christmas tree celebration, the evening of December 24. The Eagles are going to entertain in an elaborate fashion several of their unfortunate young friends.

HOLDS CITY ELECTION

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The last of this year's city elections were held today, when voters went to the polls in Boston, Fitchburg, North Adams, Peabody and Quincy. In this city supporters and opponents of a continuance of the present system of licensing the sale of liquor made strong efforts to bring out a large proportion of the registered vote.

BANK FILES COMPLAINT

Suit was filed in circuit court today by the First National Bank of Richmond against Lettie McCreery. The complaint is for collection on a promissory note for \$100.

Fine Acts Featuring Xmas Bill

One of the most delightful vaudeville bills of the season opened at the Murray yesterday. High class acts feature the production brought here by O. G. Murray and The Palladium to establish a Christmas benefit fund.

The matinee crowd yesterday afternoon was one of the largest the house has had for months, indicating that the rush of Christmas will not interfere with the purpose of the public to patronize the project. A large house is promised for tonight. The prices are ten, twenty and thirty cents. Matinee and night performances will be given Wednesday.

"The Revue de Vogue" is a feature such as has not been seen in Richmond. It is a musical production of high order and of exceptional ability, staged with scenic accompaniments that are far above the usual. Singing and dancing acts and an acrobat who endangers life and limb in a leap from a barrel on top of five tables give variety to the attraction. Patrons of the show yesterday were loud in their praises of its merit and worth.

DUTCH COMPLAIN THAT ENGLAND IGNORES NOTE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Reuters dispatch from The Hague says that, replying to a committee report on estimates of foreign affairs in 1917, the foreign minister said that the British government had not replied to the Dutch note of April 11, regarding the seizure of mails.

He said that in reply to a Dutch protest in November Great Britain had declared her readiness to come to an understanding similar to that reached with the United States by which universities and public bodies in overseas countries might obtain German scientific and technical publications, this arrangement including certain private persons.

Regarding the torpedoing of the Palmburg, the minister said that he was unable to adduce facts to contradict the positive declaration of the German admiralty and that the German government was not ready to submit the case to an international committee. In respect to the sinking of the Bloemerdijk questioners were referred to an orange book which will be published shortly.

LADY NEWBOROUGH LIVED IN RICHMOND BEFORE HER MARRIAGE

Lady Newborough, who is one of the former Americans engaged in British Red Cross work, is credited to Louisville, Ky., as a famous southern beauty. Lady Newborough also was a famous Richmond beauty, she and her equally beautiful sister, Alice, having been prominent society girls here for three or four years. They were then Grace and Alice Carr, but since have married royalty. Lady Newborough's picture appeared in many morning papers today.

RAISE TO \$150 GRANTED GLUYS BY COUNCILMEN

By a vote of 11 to 1, Councilman John White casting the negative vote, council last night approved a recommendation of the board of public works increasing the salary of the chief engineer of the municipal electric plant from \$135 to \$150 a month, placing his salary on a par with that of the superintendent of the plant.

Howard Gluys, who has been chief engineer for a number of years and is regarded one of the most efficient electrical engineers in the state, made a request for a salary increase, council was informed, but did not specify how much of an increase he desired.

White stands for laborers. "I recognize Mr. Gluys' ability," Councilman White said, "but why is it that when it is proposed to increase the wages of the poor devils who sweep the streets we are told that there is no money available for such a purpose."

White was not informed that the salaries of the electric plant employees are paid out of the plant funds. Board President Davis referred to Gluys as the "force behind the successful operation of the electric plant," and several councilmen asserted that it would be difficult to secure another man who would render the city such a service as Mr. Gluys.

Left to Department Heads. A report submitted by the ordinance committee advising that the question of wage increases for city laborers be left to the discretion of the various department heads was adopted, 11 to 1. White voting nay. He called Street Commissioner Knollenberg to the floor for cross-examination.

"Do you intend to increase the wages of the drivers in your department?" White asked. "If necessary," replied Knollenberg, "are you going to pay your men according to their age?"

"I am going to pay them according to their ability," Knollenberg replied. Report is Compromise. Chairman Waltemeyer of the ordinance committee said the wage report was a compromise.

Two resolutions both placing council on record has urgently advocating legislative action in amending the workmen's compensation act so as to include policemen and firemen in its provisions, were adopted. One instructed the city clerk to send copies of the resolution to the councils of all third and fourth class cities with the request that similar resolutions be passed by these bodies.

City Clerk Bescher reported that the superintendent of the G. R. & I. railroad had informed him that alarm systems for the Linden avenue and School street crossing had been ordered and would be installed as soon as possible.

PLACE ORPHAN CHILD IN GREENSBORO HOME

"It says to advertise in the Palladium," said Probation Officer Elizabeth Candler, today. A few days ago, a story telling that Mark Dudack, 8 years, wanted a good home before Christmas was published. Applications immediately began to come in. Yesterday, the boy was placed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Byrd, west of Greensboro.

STRIKE ENTERS SECOND WEEK AT BERTSCH'S

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Dec. 19.—Today marked the close of the second week of the strike of the union moulders who had been employed in the foundry of Bertsch & Company's factory. The plant is still picketed by strikers and is practically in a state of siege. No acts of violence have been committed and no violence is anticipated. Refusal of the company to meet wage increase demands of the moulders caused the walkout. The factory management still insists that it will never consider the demands the men have made.

Live in the Foundry. Several non-union moulders have been secured by the company and these men live and work under the same roof, thus avoiding contact with the union pickets.

The union moulders were receiving a wage of \$3 a day for a nine-and-a-half-hour day. It is stated that the men have demanded a nine-hour day and a scale of \$7.50 per day, also double pay for overtime, instead of wage and a half pay, and triple pay for call backs on Sundays instead of double pay.

Company officials declare that the terms demanded by the strikers are too drastic to be given any consideration.

RALPH NICHOLSON MAKES EARLHAM'S DEBATING VARSITY

By a close decision, five judges selected the members of the Earlham debating team last night. The members are Gilbert Shambaugh, senior, Donald Snyder, sophomore, and Ralph Nicholson, freshman. Nicholson is a Richmond high school boy. Charles Lewis will be the team's alternate.

Earlham's first foray in the contest against Indiana Central University at Indianapolis March 9. The final contest will be held here March 23 with Albion College, of Albion, Mich. The college will have another team in the extension debates, the next of which will be held Jan. 12. The selection will be made by Prof. E. P. Trueblood, head of the public speaking department at the college.

Judges last night were: Rev. J. J. Rae, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Dr. Walter C. Woodward, general secretary of the Five Years Meeting of Friends; Prof. W. O. Menhaffel, Prof. Shoup, and President R. L. Kelly.

AUSTRIAN MAJOR DIES IN KANSAS

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 19.—Major Maximilian Von Grebe, formerly of the Prussian army and later an officer in the Union army during the Civil war, died at his home near here last night.

Major Von Grebe served as lieutenant, captain and finally major and finally major and fought in nineteen battles with the fourth Missouri volunteer cavalry. His military career was cut short when he was said to have fought a duel with a fellow officer.

GAS FAMINE GROWS WITH BIG DEMAND

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 19.—The increased demand for natural gas by manufacturing concerns and the greater domestic consumption on account of the cold weather has resulted in a gas famine in southwestern Pennsylvania and in northern West Virginia which has caused many factories to suspend operations. Gas companies are endeavoring to conserve the supply for domestic consumers.

Ten large manufacturing firms in the Connellsville, Pa., district have closed their plants. Factories in Wheeling and Parkersburg, W. Va., also are closed.

GETS CHRISTMAS FUND BY FORGING CHECKS

A colored man, known here as Robert Wilson, is wanted by the police to answer a charge of forgery. Through the agency of forged checks he is known to have collected a Christmas fund of \$75 and it is probable the man may have secured more.

This afternoon the police ascertained that Wilson had defrauded six business houses, passing a fraudulent check for \$12.50 on each of them. These checks had the forged signature of J. H. Menke and on each of them was the stamp of the J. H. Menke Coal company, indicating they were pay checks.

TRAINS DELAY TRIALS

Because trains were running late, Special Judge Fred Gause and several jurors did not get into circuit court in time this morning to continue the trial of the suit of Walter Morris against Isabelle Haner to break the will of Frank Morris, deceased. By agreement of attorneys, court was adjourned until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Violinist Will Play At Benefit



WESLEY HOWARD

Wesley Howard, violinist, a local boy who has made a name for himself through his work on the violin, has consented to play at the Christmas benefit performance at the Murray theatre Wednesday evening. He will appear at both shows. Howard expressed his desire to help make successful the effort to bring Christmas to the home of every child in Richmond.

His appearance Wednesday evening is a forerunner of the recital which he will give next month. Citizens will have the first opportunity of hearing the gifted player this season at the Murray Wednesday evening. Howard is distinctly a Richmond product. He came here from Springfield, Ohio, when he was 6 years old. Mrs. W. H. Dennis gave him his first instruction on the violin and later Prof. F. K. Hicks took an interest in him and helped him in his studies.

Howard has been studying at the New England Conservatory of Music for about two years and will finish his musical education next year. He has made one of the most enviable records of any student enrolled at the school. The Commercial club and friends have assisted him materially in gaining his education.

His appearance at the Christmas benefit will be appreciated by the audience. The seat sale for the vaudeville performance of this evening is now going on at the Murray theatre at the regular prices.

GEN. NIVELLE TAKES COMMAND

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Gen. Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander in chief of those armies. In a brief speech general Joffre congratulated Gen. Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff, who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise tendered their congratulations.

Gen. Nivelle replied, expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the allied military council he alluded to as a merited promotion.

GERMAN RAID FAILS

PARIS, Dec. 19.—A raid was undertaken by German troops last night on the Somme front north of Sailly-Saillis. The announcement from the war office today says the effort was without permanent success.

DRAWS FINE OF \$10

Cornelia Nester, alias "Babe" Armstrong, pleaded guilty to a statutory charge in police court today and received a fine of \$10 and costs. She escaped a more severe penalty by promising to conduct herself properly in the future. The woman is the wife of a man now serving a term for manslaughter in the Jeffersonville reformatory.

COLLEGE PROFESSOR DECOY FOR MONKEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—With Professor Richard Lynch Garner, an expert in monkey language, as a decoy, scientists from the Smithsonian Institution and the American Museum of Natural History are on their way to the French Congo in Africa after skins and skeletons of gorillas for a group to be mounted at the American Museum. The party left yesterday aboard the steamship Chicago of the French line.

LLOYD GEORGE PROMISES TO MAKE PUBLIC ANSWER SOON

"Our Answer Will Be Given in Full Accord With Our Allies," Says New Cabinet Head.

SEES SLIGHT PROSPECT

Peace Without Reparation Would Be Impossible; Prussian Militarism Must Be Wiped Out.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The first appearance of David Lloyd George before the house of commons as premier was made today in circumstances seldom if ever faced by a new holder of the office.

Even if the peace proposals of the central powers had not intervened, his statement of the policy of his government, which was chosen in reply to a public demand for more vigorous prosecution of the war, would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note, however, shifted the interest, and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude toward the move of the central powers.

Secret Well Guarded. The secret was so well kept that the best informed parliamentary correspondents differed as to the treatment the peace proposals would receive. The London papers which support the Lloyd George government most strongly expressed the view that the government had decided a conference on Germany's terms would not be considered.

Even the moderate provincial papers warned the pacifists they had best make up their minds that a prompt refusal would be forthcoming. But the hope was expressed in many quarters, notwithstanding the fact that the German note contained no terms, that Premier Lloyd George would be little more communicative.

Premier Lloyd George said in his address that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations that Germany was prepared to accede to the only terms whereon it was possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe.

Will Demand Reparation. The premier declared that without reparation peace would be impossible. He said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guarantee against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe. Lloyd George said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Little Encouragement. Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the Central Powers note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hopes for an honorable and lasting peace.

"Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia," he said. The formal reply of the allies, the premier announced, will be given in the course of a few days.

The premier said: "We will await until we hear what terms and what guarantees they are to offer. Meanwhile we put our trust into our unbroken army."

The speech of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg before the Reichstag was characterized by Mr. Lloyd George as constituting in substance a denial of the only terms upon which peace was possible.

TOLERANCE BRINGS DINNER AS REWARD FOR FIRE COMPANY

In appreciation of the tolerance of the members of the No. 3 hose company, North A street station, in permitting them to spend much of their leisure time at the station playing sheephead several end business men are going to serve a banquet in honor of their firemen friends at the North A street station on Sunday, December 31. Among the hosts of the occasion will be O. V. Porter, Harry Land, Demas Coe, Harry Hodgkin, John Steinkamp, Charles Flook, Scott Webb, Warren Shater and Wesley Lafflin.

Mr. Lafflin has been scheduled for an after dinner speech in which he is to relate his experience during the days when he drove a wagon for P. T. Barnum, the famous circus man.